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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Evanel Williams of Litchfield, who passed away on December 24, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, She was born in Carrier Mills on June 2, 1925, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Gee) Meler; she graduated from Galatia High School in Galatia and from Business School in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, During World War II she worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" at a defense contracting plant in Evansville, Indiana; she married Bennett J. "Ben" Williams on April 2, 1946 in Henderson, Kentucky; and

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WHEREAS, She worked for Dr. Butler, Durham Lumber Company, and Woolworths, all in Harrisburg; she worked for WEPCO Manufacturing in Litchfield; she worked as a sales clerk in East St. Louis and St. Louis; and she retired from the Illinois State Police District 18 in Litchfield after 30 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, She was a member of St. Timothy United Methodist Church, Litchfield Zonta Club, and was a longtime volunteer for the Red Cross Blood Bank, serving as the Coordinator for many

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1 years; she enjoyed fishing, hunting deer and wild turkey and  
2 was a founding member of the National Wild Turkey Federation;  
3 she also loved to travel and was actively involved with the  
4 United Mine Workers of America District #12, along with her  
5 husband; and

6 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents; and her  
7 sisters, Wilma Droit, Wanda Arnold, and Reba Brothers; and

8 WHEREAS, Evanell Williams is survived by her husband, Ben;  
9 her son, James "Greg" (Susan); her daughter, Sandra Klein; her  
10 brother, Sigel Meler; her grandchildren, Benjamin Fletcher and  
11 Haley M. Williams; and her great-grandson, Tommy Abner;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
15 her family and friends, the passing of Evanell Williams; and be  
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Evanell Williams as a symbol of our  
19 sincere sympathy.